

**Chambers of District Judge James C. Mahan**

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**James C. Mahan**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Charleston 1965 BA;  
Vanderbilt 1973 JD  
Began Service: February 1, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** District Judge, Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada  
(1999-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk then Associate, Lee & Beasey, Ltd. (1973-1975);  
Attorney, John Petter Lee, Ltd. (1975-1982); Senior Partner, Mahan &  
Ellis, Chartered (1982-1999)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1966-1969)

**Staff**

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**Robert C. Jones**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: July 21, 1947  
Education: Brigham Young 1971 BS; UCLA 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 1, 2003  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, United States  
Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1975)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District  
of Nevada (1983-2003); Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel  
of the Ninth Circuit (1987-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Laventhol & Horwath, CPA (1971-1972); Touche, Ross &  
Co. (1972-1974); Haskins & Sells, CPA (1976); Associate, Abright &  
McGimsey (1976-1977); Partner, Jones & Holt (1977-1983)

**Military Service:** United States Army National Guard (1971-1972); United  
States Air National Guard (1972-1977)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; California Bar  
Association; Clark County Bar Association; Nevada Bar Association;  
Washoe County Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Edward C. Reed, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Nevada (Reno) 1949 BA; Harvard 1952 JD  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Corporate:** Attorney, Arthur Andersen & Company (1952-1953)

**Government:** Special Deputy Attorney General, State of Nevada  
(1967-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Reed & Bowen, Chartered (and predecessor firms)  
(1953-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature  
Society; Nevada State Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Dominique-Chantale Alepin** ..... (775) 686-5919  
Education: Columbia 2005 JD  
Law Clerk **Elizabeth Garfinkle** ..... (775) 686-5919  
Education: UC Berkeley 2003 JD  
Secretary **Kathryn M. Vitalie** ..... (775) 686-5919

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**Lloyd D. George**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Brigham Young 1955 BS; Boalt Hall 1961 JD  
Began Service: May 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada  
(1974-1984); Judge, Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (1984)

**Legal Practice:** Albright, George, Johnson & Steffen (1969-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1955-1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Association of Trial  
Lawyers of America; Clark County Bar Association; State Bar of Nevada;  
Washoe County Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Troy Healey** ..... (702) 464-5500  
Education: Brigham Young JD  
Career Law Clerk **Garon Salway** ..... (702) 464-5500  
Education: U Washington JD  
Secretary **Lee Hughes** ..... (702) 464-5500

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**Howard D. McKibben**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Bradley 1962 BS; Pittsburgh 1964 MPA; Michigan 1967 JD  
Began Service: October 12, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Faculty, National Judicial College

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, State of Nevada (1969-1971);  
District Attorney, State of Nevada (1971-1977)

**Judicial:** Judge, Nevada District Court (1977-1984); Chief Judge, United  
States District Court for the District of Nevada (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** George W. Abbott Law Office (1967-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Inns of Court; Ninth Circuit Judges  
Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Dominique Etchegoyhen** ..... (775) 686-5880  
Education: Golden Gate 2004 JD  
Law Clerk **Michael Large** ..... (775) 686-5880  
Education: Oregon 2002 JD  
Judicial Assistant **Candice Rowe** ..... (775) 686-5880  
Education: Nevada (Reno) 1994 MA

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**Lawrence R. Leavitt**  
Magistrate Judge

Education: Boalt Hall 1969 JD  
Began Service: October 8, 1987

**Staff**

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Education: Nevada (Las Vegas) 2003 JD  
Judicial Assistant **Carol DePino** ..... (702) 464-5540

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**Robert Jake Johnston**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Brigham Young 1973 BS; McGeorge 1977 JD  
Began Service: 1987  
Term Expires: December 14, 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Merlyn Hoyt, Nevada District Court  
(1977-1978)

**Government:** District Attorney, State of Nevada (1979-1984); Assistant  
United States Attorney, District of Nevada, Office of the United States  
Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1984-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1978-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1967-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Clark County Bar Association; Federal Magistrate  
Judges Association; Nevada State Bar Association; Ninth Judicial Circuit  
Historical Society; Southwest Oral History Society

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Robert Jake Johnston continued**

**Staff**  
Law Clerk **Telesia Fau** ..... (702) 464-5554  
Judicial Secretary **Marlene Stidham** ..... (702) 464-5550  
Education: Nevada (Las Vegas) 1999 BA

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**Robert A. McQuaid, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: April 15, 1996  
Term Expires: April 2012

**Staff**

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Secretary **Heidi Jordan** ..... (775) 686-5858

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**Valerie P. Cooke**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Nevada (Reno) 1976 BA; Northwestern 1983 JD  
Began Service: November 1, 1999  
Term Expires: November 1, 2007

**Academic:** Teacher, Sacred Heart Academy (1976-1979); Teacher, Reno  
High School (1979-1980)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William N. Forman, Second Judicial  
District Court, Nevada (1983-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Guild & Hagen (1984-1994); Attorney,  
McDonald Carano (1995-1999)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Nevada  
State Bar; Washoe County Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Christine Smith** ..... (775) 686-5855  
Education: Virginia 1995 BA; Cincinnati 2004 JD  
Secretary **Debra Newman** ..... (775) 686-5855

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**Peggy A. Leen**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Nevada (Las Vegas) 1976 BA; San Diego 1979 JD  
Began Service: January 16, 2001  
Term Expires: January 16, 2009

**Government:** Law Clerk and Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public  
Defender, County of Clark, Nevada (1976-1981); Clark County District  
Attorney's Office, Criminal Division, Major Violators Unit (1996-1999);  
Clark County District Attorney's Office, Civil Division (1999-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Partner, Managing Partner, Thorndal, Backus,  
Maupin & Armstrong (1981-1985)

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